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Sorensen Pacific Broadcasting, Inc.  
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Re: Sorensen Pacific Broadcasting, Inc.  
KGUM(AM), Agana, Guam  
Facility Identification Number: 60853  
Special Temporary Authority

Dear Applicant:

This is in reference to the request filed December 14, 2018, on behalf of Sorensen Pacific Broadcasting, Inc. ("SPB"). SPB requests special temporary authority ("STA") to operate with emergency antenna facilities pursuant to Section 73.1680.<sup>1</sup> In support of the request, SPB states that on January 29, 2016 the station's tower was knocked down in a storm and since then the station has been operating with a long wire antenna. However, the station inadvertently allowed the last STA extension (BESTA-20180418AFJ) to expire on November 9, 2018. Therefore, the station is requesting STA to continue to operate with the same facilities originally granted in BSTA-20160223AAO while it finalizes its filing for a permanent operation.

Specifically, KGUM(AM) proposes to continue to operate with a 400 foot long wire antenna and a reduced power of 5 kilowatts. The STA is requested for a period of 120 days.

Section 73.1680 of the Commission's rules provide for operation with emergency antenna facilities following damage to authorized antenna systems, provided that an informal request for continued use of an emergency antenna is filed with the Commission within 24 hours. The request is to include a description of the damage to the authorized antenna, a description of the emergency antenna, and the station operating power with the emergency antenna.

As documented in the STA request, the station has made substantial progress with the construction of a new tower and the installation of a new ground system. Therefore, a new STA is warranted to allow the station to continue to operate while the station finalizes a filing for permanent operation.

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<sup>1</sup> KGUM(AM) is licensed for operation on 567 kHz with an unlimited hours power of 10 kilowatts, employing a non-directional antenna pattern (ND1-U).

Accordingly, the request for STA IS HEREBY GRANTED. Station KGUM(AM) may operate with the following facilities:

Coordinates:	13° 23' 21" NL, 144° 45' 34" EL (NAD 1927)
Frequency:	567 kHz
Operating hours:	Unlimited
Operating power:	5 kilowatt
Antenna:	400 feet of #4 copper stranded copper wire
Antenna efficiency	Unknown

It will be necessary to further reduce or cease operation if complaints of interference are received. LBD must use whatever means are necessary to protect workers and the public from exposure to radio frequency radiation in excess of the Commission's exposure guidelines. *See* 47 CFR § 1.1310.

This authority expires on **April 18, 2019**.

**STA Advisory:** Section 309(f) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, authorizes the Commission to grant STA in cases of "extraordinary circumstances requiring temporary authorizations in the public interest and when delay in the institution of the temporary operations would seriously prejudice the public interest." However, Section 309(f) is not a means by which a licensee/permittee may circumvent established processing procedures which require the filing of an application, nor is it a means by which a broadcaster may enhance his facility or make operation more convenient for the broadcaster. Stations operating with less than licensed facilities under temporary authorities can be viewed as receiving the benefit of a larger protection area than that in which they are currently providing service.

Accordingly, Special Temporary Authorities by nature are to be temporary and are not intended for extended use. Licensees of stations operating under temporary authorities are reminded that timely restoration of permanent facilities is the responsibility of the licensee and should be undertaken expeditiously. Any request for extension of special temporary authorities carries an increased burden with each subsequent request.

Therefore, requests for extension of STA will be granted only where the licensee can show that one or more of the following criteria have been met:

- Restoration of licensed facilities is complete and testing is underway;
- Substantial progress has been made during the most recent STA period toward restoration of licensed operation; or

- No progress has been made during the most recent STA period for reasons clearly beyond the licensee's control, and the licensee has taken all possible steps to expeditiously resolve the problem.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Jerome J. Manarchuck". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Jerome" and last name "Manarchuck" clearly legible.

Jerome J. Manarchuck  
Audio Division  
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cc: Allan G. Moskowitz, Esq. (via email only)